

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST SALVATORE MORETTI FOR  
CONTEMPT OF THE SENATE

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Mr. KEFAUVER, from the Special Committee To Investigate Organized Crime in Interstate Commerce, submitted the following

## REPORT

[To accompany S. Res. 47]

The Special Committee To Investigate Organized Crime in Interstate Commerce, as created and authorized by the United States Senate by Senate Resolution 202, Eighty-first Congress, second session, caused to be issued a subpoena to Salvatore Moretti, 269 Springfield Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, N. J., and Demarest, N. J. The said subpoena directed Salvatore Moretti to be and appear before the said committee forthwith at room 457, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C., then and there to testify touching matters of inquiry committed to said committee and not to depart without leave of said committee. The date of the subpoena was the 11th day of September 1950. Attendance pursuant to said subpoena was had on December 12, 1950, at which time the witness appeared. The subpoena served upon said Salvatore Moretti is set forth as follows:

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

To SALVATORE MORETTI, 269 Springfield Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, N. J., and Demarest, N. J., Greeting:

Pursuant to lawful authority, you are hereby commanded to appear before the Senate Committee To Investigate Organized Crime in Interstate Commerce of the Senate of the United States, forthwith, at 10 a. m., at their committee room 457, United States Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C., then and there to testify what you may know relative to the subject matters under consideration by said committee. To produce all books and records, including, journals, ledgers, invoices, bank statements, canceled checks, check-book stubs, safety-deposit-box receipts, vouchers, accountants' work papers, financial statements, payroll-record credit reports, etc., 1940 to date of all your business connections and activities.

Hereof fail not, as you will answer your default under the pains and penalties in such cases made and provided.

To Pat Murray and/or Thomas Myers to serve and return.

Given under my hand, by order of the committee, this 11th day of September, in the year of our Lord 1950.

ESTES KEFAUVER,

*Chairman, Committee To Investigate Crime in Interstate Commerce.*

The said subpoena was duly served as appears by the return made thereon by Thomas E. Myers, who was duly authorized to serve the said subpoena. The return of the service by the said Thomas E. Myers being endorsed thereon is set forth as follows:

NOVEMBER 27, 1950.

I made service of the within subpoena by personal service on the within-named Salvatore Moretti, at Bergen County courthouse, Hackensack, N. J., at 10:40 a. m., on the 27th day of November 1950.

THOMAS E. MYERS.

The said Salvatore Moretti pursuant to said subpoena and in compliance therewith appeared before the said committee to give such testimony as required by virtue of Senate Resolution 202, Eighty-first Congress, second session. Salvatore Moretti having appeared as a witness and having been asked questions, which questions were pertinent to the subject matter under inquiry, made answers as appeared in the record of the hearing on December 12, 1950, at Room 457, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C., which record is annexed hereto and made a part hereof and designated annex I.

As a result of said Salvatore Moretti's refusal to answer the questions pursuant to the said inquiry, as appears in the record annexed, consisting of pertinent excerpts from the testimony of that day, the committee was prevented from receiving testimony and evidence concerning the matter committed to said committee in accordance with the terms of the subpoena served upon this witness.

The committee was therefore deprived of answers to questions pursuant to the committee's inquiry propounded to Salvatore Moretti pertinent to the subject matter which under Senate Resolution 202, Eighty-first Congress, second session, the said committee was instructed to investigate, and the refusal of the witness to answer questions as set forth in annex I, is a violation of the subpoena under which the witness was directed to appear and answer pertinent questions to the subject under inquiry, and his persistent and illegal refusal to answer the aforesaid questions deprived the committee of necessary and pertinent testimony and places this witness in contempt of the United States Senate.

At the committee hearing in Washington, D. C., on December 12, 1950, there was present a quorum of the committee, as set forth in the record annexed, consisting of the chairman and Senators Tobey and Wiley.

After reviewing the testimony and other facts as set forth herein, the committee adopted a resolution, as set forth below:

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ORGANIZED CRIME IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE

MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING, JANUARY 5, 1951

The committee met at 11:30 a. m. in room 457, Senate Office Building. There were present the chairman, Senator Kefauver, and Senators Tobey and Wiley.

The chairman presented to the committee the minutes of said subcommittee meetings on December 12, 1950, held in room 457, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.

The chairman stated to the committee that the witness, Salvatore Moretti, repeatedly, consistently, and arbitrarily had refused to answer questions put to him throughout the chairman's examination of said witness on December 12, 1950, and that his refusal therefore was improper and contemptuous.

The chairman presented to the committee a draft report on the entire matter for the committee's consideration and the committee duly adopted the said report and instructed the chairman to present said report to the United States Senate.

Therefore, upon motion of Senator Tobey, duly seconded by Senator Wiley, it was duly resolved that the committee present to the United States Senate, for its immediate action, a resolution requiring the United States attorney for the District of Columbia to proceed against the said Salvatore Moretti in the manner and form provided by law.

ESTES KEFAUVER, *Chairman.*

# ANNEX I

## INVESTIGATION OF ORGANIZED CRIME IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE

UNITED STATES SENATE,  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE  
ORGANIZED CRIME IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE,  
*Washington, D. C., Tuesday, December 12, 1950.*

The committee met, pursuant to call of the chairman, at 10:10 a. m., in room 457 Senate Office Building, Senator Estes Kefauver (chairman) presiding.

Present: Senators Kefauver, Tobey, and Wiley.

Also present: Representative Louis B. Heller.

Rudolph Halley, chief counsel, and Alfred M. Klein, assistant counsel.

The CHAIRMAN. The committee will come to order.

The CHAIRMAN. Now, gentlemen, sit down. All right, Mr. Selser, where do you practice law?

Mr. SELSER. I am practicing out of Hackensack. I am an attorney in the State of New Jersey, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. What is your address?

Mr. SELSER. 210 Main Street, Hackensack.

The CHAIRMAN. Go ahead.

Mr. SELSER. I represent Mr. Moretti in two proceedings presently pending, one in the State of New Jersey, and one in the State of New York.

Presently, Mr. Moretti is under complaint in New Jersey awaiting action of the grand jury in that State in that county. His bail presently is \$15,000, and we applied to the court in New Jersey for leave to depart the jurisdiction of the court, modifying the bail accordingly, so that we might appear before this committee today.

I take it that there are certain inquiries to be made by this committee, answers to which may tend to incriminate this defendant, and he, on my advice, will exercise the privileges which are granted him under the fifth amendment to the Constitution, and refuse to answer such questions.

I anticipate, too, that there may be some interrogation with regard to income-tax returns made. These returns, as I am informed, have been made available to this committee by some act of the President.

With regard to these things or matters which were set up in such returns, I shall advise Mr. Moretti not to answer on the ground not only of self-incrimination but, perhaps, on the ground, too, that it is not the function of this committee to inquire into matters relating to income-tax returns or liabilities.

This committee, having been set up by resolution to inquire into crime in interstate commerce and not with regard to the violation of any income-tax obligations, I shall advise my client not to answer.

Now, in the State of New York we are also under charges—

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Selser, let me get the matter of the charges clearly before us. Mr. Moretti is under complaint pending grand jury action—

Mr. SELSER. That is correct.

The CHAIRMAN (continuing). In matters growing out of the alleged participation in certain gambling activities in Bergen County, is that correct?

Mr. SELSER. The charge is a conspiracy to violate the antigambling laws of the State of New Jersey.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you have a copy of the complaint, sir?

Mr. SELSER. I do not have it here, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Does it refer to the Bergen County matter about which this committee has made inquiry?

Mr. SELSER. I beg your pardon, sir?

The CHAIRMAN. Does it refer to the activities in Bergen County about which this committee has made inquiry previously?

Mr. SELSER. I presume so; I am not familiar with the nature of the inquiries up to this time made by the committee, but I am informed by the attorney general, who is prosecuting the matter in Bergen County, that he has been supplied by this committee with testimony given by various witnesses who appeared before the committee, and it is upon the basis of the testimony supplied to him by this committee that he is able to proceed with the prosecution in New Jersey this far.

The CHAIRMAN. Is that Mr. Parsons or Mr. —

Mr. SELSER. Stamler.

The CHAIRMAN. Stamler.

Mr. SELSER. Stamler is the attorney general especially assigned.

The CHAIRMAN. And the New York complaint is what?

Mr. SELSER. The New York complaint is a conspiracy charging in the first count that Mr. Moretti, with certain others, did conspire to violate the gambling laws of the States other than New York, without in the information designating the States so involved; and that Mr. Moretti and the others named in the information induced residents of New York and other places to attend such institutions for the purpose of gambling therein.

That matter is presently pending, a plea of not guilty having been made. Motions have been directed to the information as to its legal sufficiency, these motions presently pending before the court, and on this Mr. Moretti is presently released on \$20,000 bail.

The CHAIRMAN. Is that prosecution being carried on by Mr. Hogan's office in New York?

Mr. SELSER. Yes, sir. Mr. O'Connor is the assistant district attorney in charge.

The CHAIRMAN. Vincent A. D. C. O'Connor?

Mr. SELSER. I think that is his name, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Now the third matter that you raise is about the income-tax investigation. Has any internal revenue or tax case been pending against Mr. Moretti?

Mr. SELSER. Not to my knowledge, although I am informed—well, may I say this: I was informed, but not by any official communication from the Department of Revenue, that the matter of the return of Mr. Moretti is presently being investigated. This information came to me through a Mr. Smith who, I am told, is the person in charge of this and certain other investigations.

The CHAIRMAN. Are there any other representations that you wish to make, Mr. Selser?

Mr. SELSER. No; I think not, sir. I think that covers my basic approach to the problem.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, Mr. Selser, we will proceed with the examination. You make such objections to questions that you wish, and the chairman, for the committee, will endeavor to rule on them as they come along.

The general ruling of the Chair will be that Mr. Moretti has no privilege or immunity from answering questions that concern an alleged violation of the State law; if, in the opinion of the committee the committee feels that the question may violate his rights under the fifth amendment with reference to some Federal matter, the committee will direct Mr. Moretti not to answer such question. But we have, as you know, been anxious to talk with Mr. Moretti about matters over which this committee has jurisdiction, so we will have to proceed, and you make such objection to the questions as you desire.

Mr. SELSER. There will be opportunity for conference with Mr. Moretti, which will be allowed if the need should develop?

The CHAIRMAN. Yes; if it does not take too long.

Mr. SELSER. Yes; if we do not make it too long. I think Mr. Moretti and I should be able to reach a quick decision.

The CHAIRMAN. All right, Mr. Halley.

Mr. HALLEY. What is your full name?

Mr. MORETTI. Salvatore Moretti.

Mr. HALLEY. Where do you live?

Mr. MORETTI. In Demarest, N. J.



Mr. HALLEY. What is the street address?

Mr. MORETTI. Pardon.

Mr. HALLEY. What is the full address?

Mr. MORETTI. Hillside Avenue, Demarest, N. J.

Mr. HALLEY. When and where were you born?

Mr. MORETTI. I was born in New York City in 1903.

Mr. HALLEY. Were you ever convicted of a crime?

Mr. SELSER. I object to that. I do not see that the record of Mr. Moretti can possibly bear upon the subject matter of this Senate committee's investigation.

The CHAIRMAN. Objection will be overruled. Mr. Moretti will be directed to answer the question.

Mr. MORETTI. Well, I have been convicted; yes.

Mr. HALLEY. When and where and of what offense?

Mr. MORETTI. I am sorry; I don't have the records; I can't answer that question.

Mr. HALLEY. You remember having been convicted of a crime?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; I do.

Mr. HALLEY. In what State?

Mr. MORETTI. In New York State.

Mr. HALLEY. What was the offense?

Mr. MORETTI. Well, I don't remember.

Mr. HALLEY. Can't you even remember the offense?

Mr. MORETTI. No; I am sorry; I don't. I admit that I have been convicted. You asked that question.

Mr. HALLEY. How many times did you say you had been convicted?

Mr. MORETTI. A few times of minor offenses, so minor that I can't remember what the occasion was.

Mr. HALLEY. Did you ever go to jail?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; I went to jail.

Mr. HALLEY. For how long?

Mr. SELSER. I object to this line of questioning. I cannot see how this possibly—

The CHAIRMAN. Objection is overruled, Mr. Selser.

Mr. SELSER. I don't see how this can bear—

The CHAIRMAN. Well, Mr. Selser, it is apparent to us that you are not familiar with the resolution or with the background of what we want to ask Mr. Moretti about.

Mr. SELSER. I think I am familiar with the resolution, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Anyway, your objection, sir, is overruled. We are glad to have you appear, and we will try to see that the rights of your client are reasonably protected. You make your objections, and the chairman will rule upon them. The question of Mr. Halley is a proper question, and Mr. Moretti is directed to answer it.

Mr. SELSER. You may.

Mr. HALLEY. Will you repeat the question, Mr. Stenographer?

(The question was read by the reporter.)

Mr. MORETTI. I believe it was a 6 months' sentence.

Mr. HALLEY. That was in 1933?

Mr. MORETTI. It might have been; I can't remember that far back.

Mr. HALLEY. For contempt of court, was it not?

Mr. MORETTI. Well, I can't say; I don't remember what the charges were. I do remember serving time, as I said.

Mr. HALLEY. That was in New York, is that right?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes.

Mr. HALLEY. Were you ever convicted of any other crime?

Mr. MORETTI. Pardon?

Mr. HALLEY. Have you ever been convicted of any other crime?

Mr. MORETTI. No; not that I remember.

Mr. HALLEY. Were you ever convicted of running a lottery?

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir; I was not.

Mr. HALLEY. Were you not convicted of participating in a numbers racket in New Jersey?

Mr. MORETTI. I was not; I beg to differ with you; I was not.

If you read—if you have the information in front of you, you will see it is entirely different, as I don't remember ever being arrested for lottery.

Mr. HALLEY. How do you remember it?

Mr. MORETTI. I don't remember being arrested for a lottery, as you point out.

Mr. HALLEY. What were you arrested for?

Mr. MORETTI. I don't remember.

Mr. HALLEY. Weren't you arrested for aiding and abetting lotteries?

Mr. MORETTI. I am sorry; I don't remember that.

Mr. HALLEY. And convicted in 1934 in New Jersey, with your brother?

Mr. MORETTI. I can't remember that, sir; I am sorry, I can't remember that.

Mr. HALLEY. Didn't you get a suspended sentence?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; I remember getting a suspended sentence, but I don't remember what it was for. It was for no lottery, as you point out.

Mr. HALLEY. Well, you were in the numbers racket at that time, were you not?

Mr. MORETTI. I was not, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. You must have gotten arrested and convicted for something.

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; I remember.

Mr. SELSER. I object to that.

Mr. MORETTI. Yes, sir; I—

Mr. HALLEY. What was it?

Mr. SELSER. It is not a question; it is a statement by counsel.

The CHAIRMAN. He asked what he was arrested and convicted for.

Mr. SELSER. And then counsel said, "You must have been arrested for something," which certainly is not a question.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, Mr. Selser, he said he remembered getting a suspended sentence, so he is asking him what it was for.

Mr. SELSER. May we identify the place where this was done? Perhaps it was a Passaic County matter, which I think I know about.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, we are not asking you to testify at this time.

Mr. SELSER. I appreciate that, but I think there should be some certainty as to the place or time.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Selser, you are here as a guest of the committee. We want to give your client an opportunity of having counsel, but have your seat, and your objection will be overruled. Mr. Moretti will answer. The question is, Of what were you convicted the time when you got a suspended sentence?

Mr. MORETTI. Senator, if I don't remember, and if the gentleman has it there on record, he certainly knows the answer, where I don't.

Mr. HALLEY. Let's see if your counsel can refresh your recollection. This was in Passaic County in 1934. Perhaps your counsel can refresh your recollection.

Mr. MORETTI. Will you repeat that again, please?

Mr. HALLEY. Passaic County in 1934.

Mr. MORETTI. Passaic County in 1934? I know I have got a suspended sentence, more or less around that time, after I got through serving my time in New York, as I have admitted, but I don't remember the specific charges. I was taken out of jail in New York and I was brought in to jail into Passaic County, and in a matter of days this charge was suspended against me.

Now, whatever the charges were, I don't remember.

The CHAIRMAN. What does the record show?

Mr. HALLEY. The record shows aiding and abetting a lottery, and those are the FBI records. If you or your counsel can clarify that, I am sure the committee would be happy to hear any explanation or any clarification.

Mr. MORETTI. Well, suppose we take—suppose you answer the question yourself. It may not be proper, but I don't remember; I can't tell you when I don't remember, can I?

Mr. HALLEY. I think we will have to stand on the record.

Mr. MORETTI. I don't want you to put me in a position where you want me to—

Mr. HALLEY. You were convicted, but you can't remember what for?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; I admit that.

Mr. HALLEY. Did you ever know anybody by the name of Golden?

Mr. MORETTI. By the name of what?

Mr. HALLEY. Golden, G-o-l-d-e-n?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; I do.

Mr. HALLEY. There are two brothers by that name; is that right?

Mr. MORETTI. I believe there is; yes.

Mr. HALLEY. How long have you known them?

Mr. MORETTI. Oh, I have known them for a good many years, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. What business are they in?

Mr. MORETTI. What business are they in?

Mr. HALLEY. Yes.

Mr. MORETTI. I know they were in the laundry business.

Mr. HALLEY. Were they ever in the numbers racket?

Mr. MORETTI. I am sorry, I don't know.

Mr. HALLEY. Have you ever heard of them being in the numbers racket?

Mr. MORETTI. No; I never heard of that.

Mr. HALLEY. Weren't you in the numbers racket with the two Golden brothers in 1933 and 1934?

Mr. MORETTI. We are going back to the same questions, sir; you just answered that.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, the question is, were you, Mr. Moretti?

Mr. MORETTI. Definitely not, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Did you ever hear of a man named Frank Pfahler?

Mr. MORETTI. Frank Pfahler, yes.

Mr. HALLEY. He operates a night club in Passaic.

Mr. MORETTI. I believe he does.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you know Big John Profito?

Mr. MORETTI. Who?

Mr. HALLEY. Big Jim Profito?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; I know him.

Mr. HALLEY. How long have you known him?

Mr. MORETTI. I have known him for years.

Mr. HALLEY. Weren't you indicted with Pfahler and Profito in 1934, and your brother?

Mr. MORETTI. I am sorry I can't answer that because I don't know, as I have answered previously, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. You were all in court on one case, don't you recall it?

Mr. MORETTI. Well, I don't recall, as I have told you previously, I had just come out of New York jail and brought into Jersey jail. I wasn't familiar with the developments or the happenings, which you have the record of, and which I readily admit whatever the record discloses, I admit to.

Mr. HALLEY. Well, the record discloses, aiding and abetting lotteries. Is that what you admit to?

Mr. MORETTI. Well, I am afraid to if that is the charges on the chart.

Mr. HALLEY. That is what you were convicted of, is that right?

Mr. MORETTI. I suppose so.

Mr. HALLEY. Is it not a fact that you were convicted at that time, together with your brother and Pfahler and Profito and Harry Cula?

Mr. MORETTI. I am not saying that it isn't or it is.

Mr. HALLEY. Were you ever in business with Pfahler?

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Were you ever in business with Profito?

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Were you ever in business with Harry Cula?

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. At no time?

Mr. MORETTI. At no time.

Mr. HALLEY. Were you ever in any gambling business?

Mr. SELSER. I object to that. I think the times and places should be specifically stated, and the generalization by counsel is improper, unfair.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, Mr. Selser, he would know whether he has been or not.

Mr. SELSER. I advise my client not to answer the question on the ground that it may tend to incriminate him.

The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer the question, Mr. Moretti.

Mr. MORETTI. I take advice of counsel and answer the same as the counselor has, the ground that it may incriminate me; I refuse to answer that question, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Very well, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Before the year 1935 did you ever participate in a lottery in the State of New Jersey?

Mr. MORETTI. I have never participated in any lottery in any State.

Mr. HALLEY. Have you ever participated before the year 1935 in any gambling business in the State of New Jersey?

Mr. SELSER. I direct my witness not to answer that question on the ground—

Mr. MORETTI. I cannot answer that; it is the same as before. I can't answer the question that I don't know that you are referring to. I have constitutional rights.

The CHAIRMAN. Just a minute, Mr. Moretti. Of course, the reason the question was asked before 1935 was that any statute of limitations would have run on any offense prior to that.

Mr. SELSER. May I most respectfully dispute the Senator's idea of the law?

The CHAIRMAN. Any way, the witness will be directed to answer, and he can answer or not, as he wishes.

Mr. SELSER. May I make this statement in advance of his answer, on my advice: A conspiracy, sir, is not barred by the statute of limitations though it be originated longer than 2 years ago, if an overt act under that conspiracy has been had within 2 years of the day of a complaint or information and, therefore, the Senator's statement of the law is, in my judgment, erroneous.

I advise my client not to answer.

The CHAIRMAN. I know of no Federal law upon which any gambling activity prior to 1935 in which the statute would have run; that is what we are concerned with.

Mr. SELSER. I most respectfully differ.

The CHAIRMAN. Anyway, the objection is overruled, and you are requested to answer.

Mr. MORETTI. I am sorry, I will not answer that on advice of counsel, just as he explained. After all, he is a lawyer, sir, and I am not, and if we have a lawyer here we have to take his advice on certain matters.

The CHAIRMAN. All right, proceed.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you know Pete Laplace?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; I do.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you know Joe Laplace?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; I know Joe Laplace.

Mr. HALLEY. Have they ever been in your home?

Mr. MORETTI. They have been in my home; Pete Laplace has; I don't know whether Joe Laplace has. I mean I don't know him that well to say he has or he hasn't.

Mr. HALLEY. Have the Golden brothers ever been in your home?

Mr. MORETTI. The Golden brothers, yes, they have been in my home. I have known them for years, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Were they in your home in the month of August 1950?

Mr. MORETTI. Pardon?

Mr. HALLEY. Were they in your home together in the month of August 1950?

Mr. MORETTI. I'm sorry, I don't remember. I can't answer that truthfully because I don't remember.

Mr. HALLEY. Well, I will ask you specifically on an afternoon during the month of August 1950, was there a meeting in your home at Hasbrouck Heights, N. J., attended by yourself, your brother, Pete Laplace, Joe Laplace, the two Golden brothers, and others?

Mr. MORETTI. I am sorry, but that there positively could not have happened at any time, whether it was in August 1950, or in August 1930.

Mr. HALLEY. Would you explain why it could not have happened?

Mr. MORETTI. It could never have happened.

Mr. HALLEY. Why could it not?

Mr. MORETTI. Because something like that would be fresh in anyone's mind, even in my mind.

Mr. HALLEY. What you mean is that it did not happen; is that what you are trying to say?

Mr. MORETTI. It did not happen; that is right, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. It could have happened.

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Well, these people are all alive.

Mr. MORETTI. People are alive, certainly, so are we. We are alive today, if that is what you mean.

Mr. HALLEY. And they could have been in your home and you are just saying that they were not; is that right?

Mr. MORETTI. That is right; that is what I am saying.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you recall reading the newspapers or hearing about this subpoena serving—that this committee was serving subpoenas on people who were conducting gambling in an aircraft plant in the State of New Jersey?

Mr. SELSER. I object to that.

Mr. MORETTI. I don't read papers.

Mr. SELSER. Just a moment.

The CHAIRMAN. That is a proper question, Mr. Selser.

Mr. SELSER. What possible bearing—

The CHAIRMAN. You may not know the connection, but it is a proper question.



Mr. SELSER. That he read in newspapers—and are newspapers supposed to be stating—

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Selser, I have overruled your objection.

Mr. SELSER. I am sorry, sir.

Mr. MORETTI. Answering the question, I am not a reader; my eyes are bad, which you can see I am wearing glasses, and I don't read the papers.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you remember ever hearing that this committee was subpoenaing witnesses about gambling in an aircraft company in New Jersey?

Mr. MORETTI. No; I don't remember ever hearing such a thing.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you remember ever telling anybody to get out of sight and take a vacation so they would not be called upon as witnesses before this Senate committee?

Mr. MORETTI. I don't remember every saying anything like that, never remember hearing anyone saying any such thing.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you remember hearing your brother saying any such thing?

Mr. MORETTI. I do not, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Specifically, do you remember your brother saying it to Johnny Walsh?

Mr. MORETTI. Definitely not; I don't remember ever hearing anyone saying anything like that.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you know Johnny Walsh?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes, sir; I definitely do.

Mr. HALLEY. Has he ever been in your home?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; he has been in my home.

Mr. HALLEY. Was he in your home in the month of August 1950?

Mr. MORETTI. I don't remember, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Was he in your home this summer?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; he has been in my home this summer.

Mr. HALLEY. Was he ever at your home during the afternoon?

Mr. MORETTI. I don't remember.

Mr. HALLEY. It is possible?

Mr. MORETTI. It is possible; yes.

Mr. HALLEY. That could happen?

Mr. MORETTI. Anything could have happened.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you remember whether or not at the meeting during the month of August on an afternoon at your home, with your brother, the Laplacas, the Golden brothers, Robert Neely, and Johnny Walsh, your brother told Johnny Walsh or anyone else that he should give \$2,500 to each and every person who might be called upon to testify before the Senate committee about gambling and to take a vacation and stay out of sight?

Mr. MORETTI. That sounds so ridiculous, sir, I have to answer that by saying it is impossible; nothing like that could ever happen.

Mr. HALLEY. Where were you during the month of October and the month of November 1950?

Mr. MORETTI. October and November 1950? I took a little trip for myself, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Did that little trip have anything to do with your having heard that this committee was serving subpoenas?

Mr. MORETTI. I am here, ain't I?

Mr. HALLEY. You are here after the heat got so hot that you had to—

Mr. MORETTI. What heat? It's cold weather outside. It is not hot out there; it is cold weather. What heat are you referring to?

Mr. SELSER. I object.

The CHAIRMAN. Have a seat, Mr. Selser; we are trying to find out why it was not possible to find Mr. Moretti earlier, so this is a proper inquiry. Your objection will be overruled.

Mr. SELSER. Well, I certainly object to the form of the presentation by counsel.

Mr. MORETTI. I don't know of any heat.

Mr. SELSER. I do not think this is a forum for arguments between counsel and the witness.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, in an inquiry of this sort, this is not a court proceeding; we do not go on technical rules. We are trying to find out why he left the State or where he went to, and what the reason for it was, so you sit down, Mr. Selser, and we will get along.

Mr. SELSER. I will advise my client not to answer the question on the ground that apparently it is an attempt to get from this man a statement out of which a prosecution against the man may be had by the committee, and I direct him not to answer the question.

The CHAIRMAN. Read the last question.

Mr. HALLEY. May I reframe the question?

The CHAIRMAN. Certainly.

Mr. HALLEY. Will you state to the committee where you were between October 1 and October 15, 1950?

Mr. MORETTI. I cannot—

Mr. HALLEY. What State?

Mr. MORETTI. I can't answer that; I can't remember where I have been. I don't keep track of where I travel.

Mr. HALLEY. Mr. Chairman, may I advise the witness that this committee has in previous cases taken the position that a statement that a witness does not remember when the statement is obviously on its face unbelievable, will be treated by the committee as perjurious.

Now, Mr. Moretti—

Mr. MORETTI. Yes.

Mr. HALLEY (continuing). Did you leave the State of New Jersey during the first 2 weeks of October 1950?

Mr. MORETTI. Pardon me.

(There was a conference between witness and counsel.)

Mr. MORETTI. I was in Jersey in October; I was home in October.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you recall investigators for this committee coming to your home and attempting to serve subpoenas?

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir; I don't recall that.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you remember investigators for this committee going to the door of your house and trying to gain entrance?

Mr. MORETTI. Not to my house; no, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Were you in your own house?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. And it is your contention that investigators of this committee made no effort to find you at your house?

Mr. SELSER. I object to that. How can he know, sir? I object to the question.

The CHAIRMAN. Let us see whether he knows or not, Mr. Selser. You tell us what you know.

Mr. SELSER. Answer you don't know.

Mr. MORETTI. You see, I have moved from one home to another, and you may be confused or I might be confused with the dates, just as I have said before.

Mr. HALLEY. When did you move?

Mr. MORETTI. I moved in the latter part of this year.

Mr. HALLEY. Well; the latter part of which year?

Mr. MORETTI. This year, 1950.

Mr. HALLEY. How long ago? We are still in the latter part of this year.

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; that is 2 or 3 months ago.

Mr. HALLEY. You moved 2 or 3 months ago?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. From what address to what address?

Mr. MORETTI. From 269 Springfield Avenue in Hasbrouck Heights, to Demarest, N. J.

Mr. HALLEY. Demarest, N. J.?

Mr. MORETTI. That is right.

Mr. HALLEY. What have you done with the house in Hasbrouck Heights?

Mr. MORETTI. The house in Hasbrouck Heights was sold last month.

Mr. HALLEY. To whom was it sold?

Mr. MORETTI. To Pascal.

Mr. HALLEY. What is the first name?

Mr. MORETTI. I am sorry, I don't remember the first name.

Mr. HALLEY. Did you leave a forwarding address at the post office when you moved to Demarest, N. J.?

Mr. MORETTI. We don't have a post office in Hasbrouck Heights.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you have a post office in Demarest?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes, we do.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you receive mail in Demarest?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes. Just Demarest, N. J., that is all.

Mr. HALLEY. Did you receive mail at Hasbrouck Heights?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes.

Mr. HALLEY. Well, how was it addressed to you?

Mr. MORETTI. Whatever mail was addressed to Hasbrouck Heights when I would go there, I would pick it up.

Mr. HALLEY. And you made no effort to have your mail forwarded to Demarest?

Mr. MORETTI. No; didn't make no efforts for the simple reason is the furniture and everything else was still in the home. The home was still being occupied by me.

Mr. HALLEY. During the whole month of October?

Mr. MORETTI. Only I didn't live there.

Mr. HALLEY. During the whole month of October?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes, I believe so.

Mr. HALLEY. Now, when you moved to Demarest did you buy the house in Demarest?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes.

Mr. HALLEY. When did you purchase it?

Mr. MORETTI. I purchased that last year.

Mr. HALLEY. What time last year are you referring to?

Mr. MORETTI. The early part of last year, I suppose.

Mr. HALLEY. The early part of 1949?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes.

Mr. HALLEY. Was it empty until October of this year?

Mr. MORETTI. No; it was not empty, exactly.

Mr. HALLEY. Who was living in it?

Mr. MORETTI. I was; I moved back and forth.

Mr. HALLEY. You mean you lived in both places?

Mr. MORETTI. That is right.

Mr. HALLEY. And starting in the early part of October of th year you closed up the Hasbrouck Heights house; is that right?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; that is right.

Mr. HALLEY. Locked the doors?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes.

Mr. HALLEY. Pulled down the shades?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes.

Mr. HALLEY. And went to Demarest; is that right?

Mr. MORETTI. That is right.

Mr. HALLEY. And you stayed in Demarest throughout the first 2 weeks of October 1950?

Mr. MORETTI. I believe so; yes.

Mr. HALLEY. Did you know that this committee was trying to serve a subpoena upon you?

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir; I did not.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you know that the committee had asked your brother and your brother's wife and all of your associates where you could be found?

Mr. MORETTI. No; I don't.

Mr. HALLEY. Is it not a fact that you moved to Demarest and closed up the Hasbrouck Heights house in an effort to avoid service of this committee?

Mr. MORETTI. It is not so, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Did you go out of the State of New Jersey during the second 2 weeks of October 1950?

Mr. MORETTI. Well, I stayed in New York for a while, if that is what you mean.

Mr. HALLEY. Where in New York?

Mr. MORETTI. Let's see—I went over and I stayed with my brother's family—that is, my brother-in-law.

Mr. HALLEY. What is his name?

Mr. MORETTI. His name is Marino.

Mr. HALLEY. What is his full name, please?

Mr. MORETTI. Anthony Marino.

Mr. HALLEY. Where does he live?

Mr. MORETTI. He lives in the Bronx.

Mr. HALLEY. May we have the address?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; 2916 Dudley Avenue, Bronx, N. Y.

Mr. HALLEY. And you stayed at his home?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; stayed there for a few days and came back home again.

Mr. HALLEY. How long did you stay there?

Mr. MORETTI. A few days; I said a few days.

Mr. HALLEY. Did you go anywhere else during the latter part of October 1950?

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir; I did not.

Mr. HALLEY. Did you go to any of your places of business during the first 2 weeks of October of 1950?

Mr. MORETTI. My places of business?

- Mr. HALLEY. Yes.
- Mr. MORETTI. I have no business. I don't know what you are referring to.
- Mr. HALLEY. You have no business?
- Mr. MORETTI. I don't know what you are referring to, sir.
- Mr. HALLEY. Well, do you have any business?
- Mr. MORETTI. No; I don't.
- Mr. HALLEY. Have you ever had any business?
- Mr. MORETTI. Yes; I have had businesses.
- Mr. HALLEY. When did you last have a business?
- Mr. MORETTI. Oh, this is some time ago.
- Mr. HALLEY. A matter of years?
- Mr. MORETTI. Yes, a matter of years, a matter of 2 or 3 years.
- Mr. HALLEY. How many years?
- Mr. MORETTI. Two or three years.
- Mr. HALLEY. Two or three years?
- Mr. MORETTI. That is right.
- Mr. HALLEY. What was the last business in which you engaged?
- Mr. MORETTI. The last business I was engaged in was in the textile business.
- Mr. HALLEY. Where and under what name?
- Mr. MORETTI. The Electrosol Dyeing—dyeing business.
- Mr. HALLEY. Where was that located?
- Mr. MORETTI. That was located in Paterson, N. J.
- Mr. HALLEY. Did you have any associates in that business?
- Mr. MORETTI. Yes; I had associates.
- Mr. HALLEY. Who were they?
- Mr. MORETTI. I will have to refer to records, names—I don't remember too well.
- Mr. HALLEY. How long were you in that business?
- Mr. MORETTI. Around 6 months more or less.
- Mr. HALLEY. Did it fail or did you sell out? How did you leave it?
- Mr. MORETTI. No; I sold out.
- Mr. HALLEY. You sold out?
- Mr. MORETTI. That is right.
- Mr. HALLEY. What other businesses have you been in during the last 5 years?
- Mr. SELSER. I object to that question, and direct my witness, my client, not to answer on the ground that it may tend to incriminate him.
- The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer, Mr. Moretti.
- Mr. MORETTI. What other business?
- The CHAIRMAN. What other businesses have you been in in the last 5 years?
- Mr. MORETTI. I am sorry, sir, I will have to take advice of counsel, and refuse to answer the question on grounds it may incriminate me.
- Mr. HALLEY. What other legitimate businesses have you been in in the last 5 years?
- Mr. SELSER. I object to it on the same grounds, and direct the witness not to answer.
- The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer, Mr. Moretti.
- Mr. MORETTI. I am sorry, I have to take the same position, sir.
- Mr. HALLEY. Was the textile business you have just described a legitimate business?
- Mr. SELSER. I object to that and direct the witness not to answer.
- The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer, Mr. Moretti.
- Mr. MORETTI. How can I answer a question of that kind, sir?
- The CHAIRMAN. Well, you can either take the counsel of your lawyer—
- Mr. MORETTI. Yes; I take the advice of counsel; I cannot answer that question.
- Mr. HALLEY. Do you know the difference between a legitimate business and an illegitimate business?
- Mr. MORETTI. I don't, I am sorry, I don't.
- Mr. SELSER. I object—all right.
- Mr. HALLEY. You do not know?
- Mr. MORETTI. Will you explain it to me?
- Mr. HALLEY. Were you ever in a linen supply business?
- Mr. MORETTI. No, sir; I never have been.
- Mr. HALLEY. Were you ever connected with the U. S. Linen Supply Co.?
- Mr. MORETTI. I have been connected, yes; I have been connected with them.
- Mr. HALLEY. What was the nature of your connection?
- Mr. MORETTI. Nature of my connection? The nature was to try and get customers.
- Mr. HALLEY. How long were you connected with them?



Mr. MORETTI. Oh, not very long.

The CHAIRMAN. How long? One year or two years?

Mr. MORETTI. About a year, sir; I don't remember.

Mr. HALLEY. Would you say about 3 years?

Mr. MORETTI. I don't remember; I am sorry I cannot answer that question.

Mr. HALLEY. Can I refresh your recollection? Was it in 1944, 1945, and 1946?

Mr. MORETTI. It might have been.

Mr. HALLEY. Was your brother connected with that business, too?

Mr. MORETTI. Pardon?

Mr. HALLEY. Was your brother also connected with that business?

Mr. MORETTI. With the U. S. Linen, sir?

Mr. HALLEY. Yes.

Mr. MORETTI. Yes, he is; he still is connected with it, as far as I know.

Mr. HALLEY. That is a laundry service, is that right?

Mr. MORETTI. That is right.

Mr. HALLEY. And cleaning?

Mr. MORETTI. Laundry service.

Mr. HALLEY. And you were, in effect, a salesman for them?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; more or less in that capacity.

Mr. HALLEY. Have you had any other connections with any other businesses in the last 5 years?

Mr. MORETTI. I am sorry, I cannot answer that question.

Mr. HALLEY. Have you had any other connections of any nature with any legitimate businesses in the last 5 years?

Mr. MORETTI. I am sorry I cannot answer that question, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Now, were you ever connected with the B. & T. Trading Co.?

Mr. MORETTI. I am sorry, I can't answer that question either.

Mr. HALLEY. May I ask the chairman to direct an answer to that question?

The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer were you ever connected with the B. & T. Trading Co.

Mr. MORETTI. On the advice of counsel, sir, I am sorry, I cannot answer that question for fear it would incriminate me.

Mr. HALLEY. Were you ever connected with the L. & C. Amusement Co.?

Mr. MORETTI. I have to give you the same answer, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer.

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse on the advice of counsel on the ground that it may incriminate me, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Were you ever connected with the G. & R. Trading Co.?

Mr. MORETTI. The same answer, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer.

Mr. MORETTI. The same answer, on advice of counsel.

Mr. HALLEY. Were you ever connected with the Pal Trading Co.?

Mr. MORETTI. The same answer, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer.

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse on the ground that it may incriminate me.

Mr. HALLEY. Is it not a fact that from July of 1949 to January of 1950 you had a 35-percent interest in the General Trading Co.?

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer the question on grounds that it may incriminate me, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer.

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse, sir, on the same grounds.

Mr. HALLEY. do you know Joseph Doto?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes, I do.

Mr. HALLEY. Were you ever in business with him?

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer on the ground it may incriminate me, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer.

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse on the same grounds.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you know Anthony Guarini?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; I do, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. How long have you known him?

Mr. MORETTI. A good many years, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Were you ever in business with him?

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer on the ground it may incriminate me.

The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer.

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse on the same grounds, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you know James Lynch?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes, sir; I do.

Mr. HALLEY. Did you ever have any business relations with him?

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer on the same grounds.

The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer.

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer on the ground it may incriminate me.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you know Arthur Longano?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes, sir; I do.

Mr. HALLEY. Have you had any business relations with him?

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer on the same grounds, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. You will be directed to answer.

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer on the ground it may incriminate me.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you know Gerald Catena?

Mr. MORETTI. I do, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. How long have you known Gerald Catena?

Mr. MORETTI. I have known Mr. Catena for some time.

Mr. HALLEY. Have you ever had any business relationship with him?

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer on the same, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer that question.

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer on the grounds that it may incriminate me.

Mr. HALLEY. Is it not a fact that between April of 1945 and April of 1946 you received \$38,290.70 from the G. & R. Trading Co.?

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer, sir, on the ground it may incriminate me.

The CHAIRMAN. You will be directed to answer whether you received that amount or any other amount from G. & R. Trading Co.

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer on the grounds it may incriminate me.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you know an accountant named I. George Goldstein?

Mr. MORETTI. I have heard of him, yes; I know him slightly.

Mr. HALLEY. Has he ever filed an income-tax return for any company of which you were a partner or an associate?

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer on the grounds that it might incriminate me.

The CHAIRMAN. Now, wait a minute, you will be directed to answer that question.

Mr. MORETTI. I am sorry, sir, I cannot answer that question because it is pertaining to my constitutional rights, and I want to protect myself as much as I possibly can, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Is it not a fact that you received \$49,000 from the B. & T. Trading Co. between the years 1947 and 1948?

Mr. MORETTI. I am sorry, I refuse to answer the question.

The CHAIRMAN. You will be directed to answer whether you received that amount or any amount from the—

Mr. HALLEY. B. & T. Trading Co.

The CHAIRMAN (continuing). B. & T. Trading Co.

Mr. MORETTI. Well, sir, all these questions that you are asking me, if I may say so at this time—

The CHAIRMAN. Do you want to answer it at this time or not?

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. You understand you have been directed by the committee to answer.

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer—

Mr. SELSER. May I say he has been advised by counsel not to answer, sir, on the grounds that it violates his constitutional privilege.

The CHAIRMAN. We understand the reason he gives for not answering, Mr. Selser.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you know Meyer Lansky?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; I do.

Mr. HALLEY. Have you ever had any business dealings with him?

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you know Joe Stacci?

Mr. MORETTI. Joe who?

Mr. HALLEY. Stacci.

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; I know Joe Stacci.

Mr. HALLEY. Have you ever had any business dealings with him?

Mr. MORETTI. I don't think so; I don't remember; I don't believe I have had.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you know Mike Lascari?

Mr. MORETTI. Mike what?

Mr. HALLEY. Lascari.

Mr. MORETTI. Mike Lascari?

Mr. HALLEY. L-a-s-c-a-r-i.

Mr. MORETTI. I might know him; I do not know, I am not sure. I might know him, I might not.

Mr. HALLEY. Well, did you ever know a man named Yanowsky, who was murdered in New Jersey, Charley Yanowsky?

Mr. MORETTI. I don't believe I do; no.

Mr. HALLEY. He was murdered July of 1948.

Mr. MORETTI. No; I don't believe I know that name.

Mr. HALLEY. You do not believe you know him?

Mr. MORETTI. Pardon?

Mr. HALLEY. You do not believe you know him?

Mr. HALLEY. You do not believe you know him?

Mr. MORETTI. No, I don't believe I know him; no.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you know Frank Costello?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; I know Frank Costello.

Mr. HALLEY. How long have you known Frank Costello?

Mr. MORETTI. Oh, I have known Frank Costello a good number of years.

Mr. HALLEY. When did you first meet him?

Mr. MORETTI. Oh, I met Mr. Costello around a race track.

Mr. HALLEY. Did you know Charles Binaggio?

Mr. MORETTI. Charles who?

Mr. HALLEY. Binaggio.

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. When did you first meet Costello?

Mr. MORETTI. Oh, a good many years ago, sir, around the race track.

Mr. HALLEY. Would you say at least 20 years?

Mr. MORETTI. Pardon?

Mr. HALLEY. Would you say at least 20 years?

Mr. MORETTI. No; I don't believe it is that long.

Mr. HALLEY. Is it longer than 10?

Mr. MORETTI. Around 10, I imagine, yes; around 10.

Mr. HALLEY. And you say you first met him around a race track?

Mr. MORETTI. That is right, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Who introduced you?

Mr. MORETTI. My brother introduced me to him.

Mr. HALLEY. Your brother Willie?

Mr. MORETTI. That is right.

Mr. HALLEY. And have you ever had any business dealings with Frank Costello?

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir; I have not.

Mr. HALLEY. Have you ever placed bets with him, or has he ever placed any with you?

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir; no, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you know Frank Erickson?

Mr. MORETTI. Do I know Frank Erickson? Yes; I know Frank Erickson.

Mr. HALLEY. How long have you known him?

Mr. MORETTI. I have known him for some time.

Mr. HALLEY. Have you ever had any business dealing with him?

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you know Abner Zwillman?

Mr. MORETTI. Who?

Mr. HALLEY. Zwillman.

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; I know Mr. Zwillman; yes.

Mr. HALLEY. How long have you known him?

Mr. MORETTI. Oh, I know him for 7, 8 years, 10 years probably.

Mr. HALLEY. Have you ever had any business dealings with him?

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Have you ever been in his home?

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Has he ever been in yours?

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you know Jack Dragna?

Mr. MORETTI. Jack who?

Mr. HALLEY. D-r-a-g-n-a.

Mr. MORETTI. I don't believe I do.

Mr. HALLEY. He lives in California.

Mr. MORETTI. No; I don't believe I do, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you know Tony Gizzo, G-i-z-z-o?

Mr. MORETTI. No; I don't remember that name.

Mr. HALLEY. His home is in Kansas City.

- Mr. MORETTI. No; I don't think I remember him.  
Mr. HALLEY. Did you know Charles Luciano?  
Mr. MORETTI. Yes; I have known Charles Luciano.  
Mr. HALLEY. How long have you known Charles Luciano?  
Mr. MORETTI. Oh, about 10, 12 years.  
Mr. HALLEY. Have you seen him within the last 5 years?  
Mr. MORETTI. No, sir; I have not.  
Mr. HALLEY. Have you talked to him on the telephone within the last 5 years?  
Mr. MORETTI. No, sir; I have not.  
Mr. HALLEY. Do you know Tony Accardo from Chicago?  
Mr. MORETTI. Tony who?  
Mr. HALLEY. Accardo.  
Mr. MORETTI. No; I don't think I know that name; no, sir.  
Mr. HALLEY. Do you know Charles Fischetti?  
Mr. MORETTI. No; I don't think I know that man.  
Mr. HALLEY. Do you know Little Augie Pisano, who is also known as Carfano?  
Mr. MORETTI. I think I know him, yes; I think I know him.  
Mr. HALLEY. Do you know Vito Genovese?  
Mr. MORETTI. Who?  
Mr. HALLEY. Vito Genovese.  
Mr. MORETTI. Vito Genovese? No; I don't think I know him; no.  
Mr. HALLEY. Do you know Joe Profaci?  
Mr. MORETTI. Joe who?  
Mr. HALLEY. Profaci.  
Mr. MORETTI. Yes, I think I know him; yes, I think I do.  
Mr. HALLEY. In fact, wasn't he at the wedding that your brother had for his daughter?  
Mr. MORETTI. He might have been. I don't know, sir.  
Mr. HALLEY. Well, you know Joe Profaci, don't you?  
Mr. MORETTI. Yes, I said I think I know him; I answered that question.  
Mr. HALLEY. How long have you known him?  
Mr. MORETTI. I may have known him for some time, but I only see him once in a great while.  
Mr. HALLEY. But you know him, do you not?  
Mr. MORETTI. Yes; I admit that.  
Mr. HALLEY. There is no doubt about that, is there?  
Mr. MORETTI. No; there is no doubt about that, no doubt about that.  
Mr. HALLEY. Did you know Bugsy Siegel?  
Mr. MORETTI. Who?  
Mr. HALLEY. Bugsy Siegel.  
Mr. MORETTI. Yes, I had known Bugsy Siegel, yes.  
Mr. HALLEY. How long did you know him?  
Mr. MORETTI. Oh, around the same time, 10, 12 years.  
Mr. HALLEY. Did you ever have any business relationship with Bugsy Siegel?  
Mr. MORETTI. No, sir.  
Mr. HALLEY. Do you know what the Mafia is?  
Mr. MORETTI. What?  
Mr. HALLEY. The Mafia, M-a-f-i-a.  
Mr. MORETTI. I am sorry, I don't know what you are talking about.  
Mr. HALLEY. Have you ever heard of the Mafia?  
Mr. MORETTI. No, I never have.  
Mr. HALLEY. Have you ever heard that word before?  
Mr. MORETTI. No, I am sorry, I did not.  
Mr. HALLEY. You never heard that word before in your life?  
Mr. MORETTI. No, sir; I did not.  
Mr. HALLEY. Do you read?  
Mr. MORETTI. No, as I says before, I don't read very much on account of my eyes.  
Mr. HALLEY. And you have never seen that word in print, M-a-f-i-a?  
Mr. MORETTI. No, I don't believe I have.  
Mr. HALLEY. And it has never come to your ears; you have never heard that word?  
Mr. MORETTI. No, sir.  
Mr. HALLEY. Have you ever heard of the Unione Siciliano?  
Mr. MORETTI. What?  
Mr. HALLEY. The Unione Siciliano.  
Mr. MORETTI. No, I am sorry; I never heard of that.



Mr. HALLEY. I had better spell it to make sure we are talking about the same thing, U-n-i-o-n-e S-i-c-i-l-i-a-n-o.

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir; I never heard of it.

Mr. HALLEY. Never heard of that either at any time in your life?

Mr. MORETTI. Never have.

Mr. HALLEY. Did you ever hear of the Tropics Inn in Mountain View, N. J.?

Mr. MORETTI. The what, sir?

Mr. HALLEY. The Tropics Inn in Mountain View, N. J.?

Mr. MORETTI. No, I don't believe I have.

Mr. HALLEY. Were you ever inside of it?

Mr. MORETTI. Tropics Inn in Mountain View, N. J.?

Mr. HALLEY. Yes.

Mr. MORETTI. I don't believe I have, sir; no.

Mr. HALLEY. Were you ever in a place located at 1205 McBride Avenue, West Paterson, N. J.?

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer that question, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, you are directed to answer it.

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer that question on the ground it may incriminate me, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Under what law do you claim that it may incriminate you?

Mr. SELSER. On the advice of counsel.

Mr. HALLEY. To what law are you referring?

Mr. SELSER. I will not refer to the law, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. You just claim in a vacuum?

Mr. SELSER. Yes. I claim there is a right to refuse to answer the question, and I am so advising my client.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, the question is have you ever been at some place. I do not know what Federal law that may convict him of. Let the record show he has been directed to answer, and he refuses.

Mr. SELSER. Yes, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Were you ever in a building in Lodi, N. J., in which there was a gambling establishment maintained?

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer that question, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer.

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer that question on advice from counsel.

Mr. HALLEY. Were you ever in a place called the Carriage Factory in New Jersey?

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer the question on grounds that it may incriminate me.

The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer.

Mr. MORETTI. On advice of counsel I take the same position.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you know a man named Alex Goldfein?

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer that question, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is whether you know Alex Goldfein or not.

Mr. MORETTI. Yes, I know Alex Goldfein.

Mr. HALLEY. Have you ever had any business relationships with him?

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Is it not the fact—

The CHAIRMAN. Wait a minute, you are directed to answer that question.

Mr. MORETTI. On advice of counsel I refuse to answer that question in that it may incriminate me, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Is it not the fact that Alex Goldfein was in charge of the help in the gambling rooms maintained by G. & R. Trading Co., the B. & T. Trading Co., the L & C Amusement Co., the Pal Trading Co., and the General Trading Co.?

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer that question on advice of counsel, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer, sir.

Mr. MORETTI. On the ground it may incriminate me, I have to take the same position.

The CHAIRMAN. Let the record show that you have been directed and you refuse to answer.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you know Emanuel Schaefer?

Mr. MORETTI. I don't know whether I do or not, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Have you personally been active in a business in which a crap game was maintained or operated?

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer, sir, on advice of counsel.

The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer, and you refuse?

Mr. MORETTI. On the same ground, sir, I refuse.

Mr. HALLEY. Do you know Pete Licavoli?

Mr. MORETTI. Pardon?

Mr. HALLEY. Pete Licavoli.

Mr. MORETTI. No, I don't think I do. I don't remember that name; I don't think I do, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Were you ever in Tucson, Ariz.?

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. You have never been there in your life?

Mr. MORETTI. I never have.

Mr. HALLEY. And you have never been in the State of Arizona?

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir; I have not.

Mr. HALLEY. How large a company is this linen supply company you worked for, the U. S. Linen Supply?

Mr. MORETTI. I am sorry I cannot answer that because I left there some time ago and I don't know whether they have made some expansions or not; I can't answer that, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. How many people work there, do you remember?

Mr. MORETTI. No. I was the outside man, I don't remember; but a number of employees were there.

Mr. HALLEY. What plant did your brother do there?

Mr. MORETTI. I was never inside the plant; I don't know. I was an outside man; I don't know what his authority or his duties were.

Senator WILEY. What did you do outside?

Mr. HALLEY. Senator Wiley asked you a question.

Mr. MORETTI. I am sorry, I didn't hear.

Senator WILEY. What were your functions outside?

Mr. MORETTI. I was a salesman, sir.

Senator WILEY. What did you sell?

Mr. MORETTI. I tried to get customers to sell linens, sir.

Senator WILEY. Sell anything else?

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir.

Senator WILEY. That is all.

Mr. HALLEY. Why did you give up your connection with your company?

Mr. MORETTI. Why, I had just run out of friends, I suppose, and I could not get any more customers; and I wasn't giving them the service, so I figured it is best I would leave.

Mr. HALLEY. You mean it was an unsuccessful venture?

Mr. MORETTI. I mean, yes; so far as I was concerned; I mean I couldn't get any more customers for them.

Mr. HALLEY. Did you invest any money in this textile business you were telling the committee about sometime back?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; I believe I have, yes; I have invested some money.

Mr. HALLEY. How much did you invest in it?

Mr. MORETTI. I am sorry; unfortunately, in the moving all my records have been lost, and I can't remember correctly. I have invested some money, but I can't remember what I have invested, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, give us your best estimate, \$5,000, \$10,000.

Mr. MORETTI. Well, I can't remember, sir; I can't remember. I mean I wouldn't want to say one thing for another.

Mr. HALLEY. How long ago was this?

Mr. MORETTI. I imagine it was 2 or 3 years ago, right after the war.

Mr. HALLEY. When you gave it up, did you get any money out of it or did you lose your whole investment?

Mr. MORETTI. No, I didn't lose the whole investment, that is the reason I don't remember.

Senator WILEY. When did you lose your records?

Mr. MORETTI. Just recently, sir.

Senator WILEY. How long ago?

Mr. MORETTI. Oh, I would say in the last 5 or 6 months. I looked for them and couldn't find them.

Senator WILEY. What did they consist of, one book, two books, or what?

Mr. MORETTI. Two or three books, sir.

Senator WILEY. Did you keep them yourself?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes.

Senator WILEY. And you have to have three books to keep your records?

Mr. MORETTI. Well, I mean, there might have been some other records; that is the reason I say it was two or three books.

Senator WILEY. Have you any recollection as to your approximate worth, as indicated by those books?

Mr. MORETTI. No, I can't remember. The reason I can't remember, as I said previously, that—

Senator WILEY. Do you remember how much your income was during the last year?

Mr. MORETTI. Do I remember what the last income was?

Senator WILEY. Yes.

Mr. MORETTI. Yes, I do; I imagine so in round figures; I do.

Senator WILEY. How much?

Mr. MORETTI. Around \$70,000; something like that.

Senator WILEY. \$70,000?

Mr. MORETTI. That is right, sir.

Senator WILEY. How many years have you had an income of \$70,000?

Mr. MORETTI. Well, I don't remember because of the records being lost, sir.

Senator WILEY. Well, you must, with that income, have some idea as to at least the real estate that you own. You have testified here you own two houses, and you sold one. What other real estate have you got?

Mr. MORETTI. I don't have no other real estate.

Senator WILEY. What is that?

Mr. MORETTI. I don't have any other.

Senator WILEY. What did you do with your \$70,000 per year?

Mr. MORETTI. \$70,000—pardon? Will you repeat that, please?

Senator WILEY. What did you do with it, with the \$70,000 that you earned per year for a while?

Mr. MORETTI. I spent it; I spent it, sir.

Senator WILEY. Put it into an investment, stocks, bonds?

Mr. MORETTI. No, no; I did not. I bought a horse, if that is what you mean; I remember that last venture.

Senator WILEY. How much did the horse cost you?

Mr. MORETTI. \$40,000.

Senator WILEY. \$40,000?

Mr. MORETTI. That is right.

Senator WILEY. Have you still got it?

Mr. MORETTI. No; I sold it.

Senator WILEY. How much did you sell it for?

Mr. MORETTI. The same amount, sir.

Senator WILEY. You are sure that is all you got for it?

Mr. MORETTI. That is right.

Senator WILEY. What other investment did you make? You did not buy a cow or a calf?

Mr. MORETTI. No; I did not. [Laughter.]

Senator WILEY. Well, the man who makes \$70,000 a year ought to have something to show for it. Don't you want to tell us where the rest of the money has gone that you have spent?

Mr. MORETTI. Well, I have a home, if that is what you mean, sir; I have a home.

Senator WILEY. How much did your home cost?

Mr. MORETTI. It cost me in the neighborhood of \$50,000, \$60,000.

Senator WILEY. How much did the one that you sold cost?

Mr. MORETTI. I don't know. I sold it for \$25,000, sir.

Senator WILEY. I do not think I have any more questions.

The CHAIRMAN. Where do you keep all this money, in a bank?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; I keep it in a bank, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. What bank do you keep it in?

Mr. MORETTI. I bank in the Woodridge National Bank.

The CHAIRMAN. Is that in a safety-deposit box or in a banking account?

Mr. MORETTI. No; in a bank account.

The CHAIRMAN. In your name?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Is that the only bank you have?

Mr. MORETTI. That is right, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. You do not keep any money in a box?

Mr. MORETTI. No; I do not.

Mr. HALLEY. How do you make this money? Have you had in the last 3 years any legitimate sources of income?

Mr. MORETTI. I am sorry; I refuse to answer on advice of counsel.

The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer.

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer on the grounds that it may incriminate me, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Can you state any legal source of any of the \$70,000 you say you earned last year?

Mr. MORETTI. I am sorry, I refuse to answer that question, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer.

Mr. MORETTI. On advice of counsel I refuse to answer the question.

Mr. HALLEY. Is it not a fact that your actual income in 1949 was \$84,000?

Mr. MORETTI. It might be. As I have said, I have lost my records and I can't answer anything truthfully. [Laughter.]

If you have the records there, you could show—

The CHAIRMAN. You mean you have difficulty in answering accurately?

Mr. MORETTI. Well, I am sorry, I can't answer accurately, Senator, if I don't have the figures in front of me. You would not want me to say one thing for another. I mean I don't want to.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Moretti, how long had you had these records that you are talking about, keeping them for 25, 30 years?

Mr. MORETTI. Oh, no; I don't imagine so.

The CHAIRMAN. How long had you been keeping them?

Mr. MORETTI. I imagine the last 3 or 4 years or so.

The CHAIRMAN. Where did you keep the records?

Mr. MORETTI. They were kept in a drawer in my bedroom.

The CHAIRMAN. And you made all your entries of transactions in those records?

Mr. MORETTI. What entries do you mean, sir?

The CHAIRMAN. I mean you put in there what you made; what you invested in; what your profit was, things of that sort?

Mr. MORETTI. Well, yes and no. I didn't keep—I am not a bookkeeper, sir, I mean, if that is what you mean; I am not a bookkeeper, sir.

Senator WILEY. Who kept the books?

Mr. MORETTI. I kept the books.

Senator WILEY. You mean you made the entries yourself?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes.

Senator WILEY. You did not have anyone else make them?

Mr. MORETTI. No.

Senator WILEY. And you had enough business in the last 3 or 4 years so that you—and made enough entries that you had to use three books?

Mr. MORETTI. No; I wouldn't say that. You asked me how many books it was; you didn't say it was for the business or whatever the question was; you asked me how many books there were, and I said there may have been two or three books.

Senator WILEY. Might have been.

Mr. MORETTI. Yes.

Senator WILEY. Two or three?

Mr. MORETTI. That is right; two or three.

Senator WILEY. You are not sure. Was the book the size of this one? [indicating].

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; something like that.

Senator WILEY. How many pages in the book?

Mr. MORETTI. Oh, it is not a very large book. It is not a very large book.

Senator WILEY. Well, the book I have in front of me must be 8 by 10, about that size [indicating].

Mr. MORETTI. It was about that size, sir.

Senator WILEY. And you put entries in every day?

Mr. MORETTI. Oh, no; definitely not. As I say, I am not a bookkeeper.

Senator WILEY. You are not a bookkeeper. What did you keep books for then? Why did you keep the books?

Mr. MORETTI. Pardon?

Senator WILEY. Why did you keep the books if you are not a bookkeeper?

Mr. MORETTI. Well, to try and get some amount of moneys that I made, I suppose; I don't know why I kept books. [Laughter.]

I suppose that is the only reason, sir.

Senator TOBEY. Were these books used by you in figuring up your income-tax return to the Federal Government?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; more or less.

Senator TOBEY. In other words, who made out your income tax?

Mr. MORETTI. More or less for that reason, sir.



Senator TOBEY. Who made out your income-tax return? Who makes it out for you?

Mr. MORETTI. Who makes it out for me?

Senator TOBEY. Yes.

Mr. MORETTI. A fellow by the name of Greenberg.

Senator TOBEY. What is his first name?

Mr. MORETTI. Abe Greenberg.

Senator TOBEY. Where is he located?

Mr. MORETTI. In Passaic.

Senator TOBEY. In Passaic?

Mr. MORETTI. New Jersey; yes, sir.

Senator TOBEY. And do I understand you to mean that you turned these books over to him and he therefrom got your figures for income-tax returns?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes, sir.

Senator TOBEY. And he returned the books to you?

Mr. MORETTI. That is right.

Senator TOBEY. That is all.

The CHAIRMAN. Any further questions?

Senator WILEY. Yes. I was just getting into this. Let us get it straight. These were books that you kept yourself; is that right?

Mr. MORETTI. That is right, sir.

Senator WILEY. Now, what was the nature of the entries in those books?

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer that, sir.

The Chairman. You are directed to answer the question.

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer that question on advice of counsel that it may incriminate me, sir.

Senator WILEY. Do you remember how many entries you made in the books, say, in a month's time?

Mr. MORETTI. I suppose two or three, sir.

Senator WILEY. Two or three?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes.

Senator WILEY. What was the reason for two or three books if you only made two or three entries a month?

Mr. MORETTI. Well, I can't answer that, because the reason I can't answer that is because I don't have the books here with me.

Senator WILEY. Well, now, you are not as dumb as all that. Let us be frank. If you only made two or three entries a month—

Mr. MORETTI. That is right.

Senator WILEY (continuing). Why did you need two or three books to take care of your entries or transactions?

Mr. MORETTI. I guess I needed two or three books if I was there—that is about all; I can't answer any other intelligent way, sir.

Senator WILEY. You mean they were duplicates or triplicate entries?

Mr. MORETTI. Oh, no; definitely not, sir.

Senator WILEY. Did the books constitute an inventory in any way of your assets?

Mr. MORETTI. No; I would not say that. I wouldn't say it was an inventory, sir.

Senator WILEY. They constituted entries of your business transactions?

Mr. MORETTI. I suppose you could call it that. I mean, just as I says, I would turn these books over to the accountant, and he would make my income tax out of it; that is all.

Senator WILEY. Let us get it straight. Did the books constitute entries of your business transactions?

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer that, sir; refuse on the ground that it may incriminate me, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer, sir.

Mr. MORETTI. On the same grounds, and on advice of counsel, I refuse to answer, sir.

Senator WILEY. Now, how many sources did you get your moneys from that were entered in the books?

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer that, sir, on advice of counsel.

The CHAIRMAN. You will be directed to answer it.

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse on the same grounds, sir.

Senator WILEY. Did the notations or entries that you put in the books result from cash or result from checks or result from anything else?

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer that question, sir, on the grounds that it may incriminate me.

The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer.

Mr. MORETTI. On advice of counsel I refuse to answer it.

Senator WILEY. Can you give any justifiable reason, if you only made two or three entries a month, why you had to have three or two books?

Mr. MORETTI. Well, there might have been one book. Now that you are making it so obvious, I mean it might have been just one book; I don't remember. I just says two or three books, and I thought that is what it was, and it might still have been two or three books, sir.

Senator WILEY. How old are you?

Mr. MORETTI. I am 46 years of age, sir.

Senator WILEY. Born in America?

Mr. MORETTI. Born in America; yes, sir.

Senator WILEY. What education did you have?

Mr. MORETTI. Well, I didn't have very much education, sir. I left school when I was 14 years old.

Senator WILEY. Left school?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes, sir.

Senator WILEY. What did you do then?

Mr. MORETTI. I went to work, sir.

Senator WILEY. Where?

Mr. MORETTI. I worked in the Port Newark shipyards, sir.

Senator WILEY. Did you work for your Government?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes, I did, sir.

Senator WILEY. And you think that these business transactions and these entries that you have been in would injure you with your Government?

Mr. MORETTI. I don't know, sir; I can't answer that question; I don't know.

Senator WILEY. You are married?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; I am.

Senator WILEY. When you skipped from house to house and from house to New York did your wife go with you?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; my wife was with me.

Senator WILEY. She accompanied you all the time?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes.

Senator WILEY. Did you take your books with you any place?

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir.

Senator WILEY. Did she have custody of those books?

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir; she did not.

Senator WILEY. Where did they disappear from; what house?

Mr. MORETTI. From the Hasbrouck Heights house, sir.

Senator WILEY. Which?

Mr. MORETTI. Hasbrouck Heights house.

Senator WILEY. Is that the one you sold?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes.

Senator WILEY. You have no idea how they disappeared?

Mr. MORETTI. No; I am sorry I don't.

Senator WILEY. You did not think they were of any consequence to you to keep, so that you put them under lock and key anywhere?

Mr. MORETTI. Well, when you are moving and you are running from one house to another, there is a lot of things, I suppose, you forget to do.

Senator WILEY. Did these books reflect the \$70,000-a-year income that you had?

Mr. MORETTI. Well, I don't know whether they did.

Senator WILEY. What?

Mr. MORETTI. I says I don't know whether they did or did not, sir.

Senator WILEY. And you made the entries and you don't know whether it showed—I think the records show \$84,000 now—that they reflect that income?

Mr. MORETTI. I suppose they did; yes, sir.

Senator WILEY. You suppose they did?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; I suppose they did.

Senator WILEY. Did it reflect the sources of that income?

Mr. MORETTI. I suppose it did.

Senator WILEY. Did it reflect payments that you made from receipts that you got?

Mr. MORETTI. Well, what do you mean, sir?

Senator WILEY. Did it show receipts and disbursements or receipts and payments that you made?

Mr. MORETTI. I suppose it did.

Senator WILEY. You suppose they did?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes, sir.

Senator WILEY. That was accounted for by about three entries a month?

Mr. MORETTI. I suppose so; yes, sir.

Senator WILEY. Well now, you do not think that is a very reasonable statement, do you?

Mr. MORETTI. Well, I am sorry if it does not seem reasonable, sir.

Senator WILEY. That is your judgment?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes, sir.

Senator WILEY. That is a fair exposition of the facts to this group here?

Mr. MORETTI. I am not trying to insult you people, don't misunderstand me.

I am not trying to do anything like that, if that is what you are referring to, Senator.

Senator WILEY. Didn't you keep the books in a safe in your apartment?

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir.

Senator WILEY. What?

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir.

Senator WILEY. Did you have a safe there?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; I have a safe.

Senator WILEY. Who had the combination to the safe?

Mr. MORETTI. I have the combination.

Senator WILEY. Anyone else?

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir.

Senator WILEY. Well, didn't you consider these books of sufficient significance or importance so they should be kept in a safe?

Mr. MORETTI. Well, at the time I didn't think so, sir.

Senator WILEY. Well, didn't they reflect your business or your transactions?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes, they did; yes, they did.

Senator WILEY. Yes.

Now, as a matter of fact, did they just conveniently get lost?

Mr. MORETTI. No; I wouldn't say that, sir.

Senator WILEY. Well, what would you say?

Mr. MORETTI. I have nothing to hide, sir. There is nothing for me to conceal. Why should I conceal anything from your people? [Laughter.]

Senator WILEY. Well, the books are concealed or lost anyway, are they not?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes, the books are lost; yes.

Senator WILEY. Do you have any suspicion as to who would have an interest in taking those books?

Mr. MORETTI. I don't imagine anyone should have an interest in taking my books, sir.

Senator TOBEY. If you put an ad in the New York papers something like this, "Lost, strayed, or stolen, three books containing a record of my expenses and income for the last few years; finder will be suitably rewarded by returning same to Salvatore Moretti at the above address"; won't that be a good idea?

Mr. MORETTI. No, I don't know whether it would be or not. I don't know. It might be, I suppose.

Senator TOBEY. Did you report it to the police?

Mr. MORETTI. No, I did not.

Senator TOBEY. Wasn't it important enough?

Mr. MORETTI. Well, I figured that it would show up sometime. I probably may have mislaid them; that is why I did not inform the police about them.

Senator WILEY. Had you ever lost your books before?

Mr. MORETTI. If I have lost my books before? I have, yes; I suppose I have.

Senator WILEY. You suppose you have? Don't you know whether you have or have not lost your books before this?

Mr. MORETTI. Well, the reason I say I suppose I have had is because I have a habit of mislaying things, sir.

Senator WILEY. Just when did you notice that the books were mislaid or lost or conveniently—

Mr. MORETTI. When I sold my home and I checked all my belongings, I found out at that time that the books were missing.

Senator WILEY. Was that about the time a subpoena was out for you?

Mr. MORETTI. No, I don't think so.

Senator WILEY. Well, let us fix the date. Now, if you can fix the month and the day or the week when you came to the conclusion the books were lost why, perhaps, we can arrive somewhere on that statement.

Now, what day did you say that you first discovered that the books were gone?

Mr. MORETTI. Well, I would say about 3 months ago.

Senator WILEY. Three months ago?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes.

Senator WILEY. When was it that you moved from the one house to the second place?

Mr. MORETTI. Well, I have moved from that one house to the other—you mean furniture or what, sir?

Senator WILEY. Back and forth you moved; did you not?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes, I moved back and forth, and that is the reason I am asking you what do you mean, sir.

Senator WILEY. Well, you can determine yourself—you did not sell that one house until about a month ago, according to your testimony?

Mr. MORETTI. That is right.

Senator WILEY. And consequently I assume you moved the furniture about a month ago, is that right?

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir; it is not right, sir. That is the reason I asked the question again. It is not right, because I renovated the place before I sold the place.

Senator WILEY. When did you move your furniture?

Mr. MORETTI. About 3 months ago.

Senator WILEY. All right.

Then it was that you arrived at the conclusion that the books had been lost?

Mr. MORETTI. That is right; I could not find them.

Senator WILEY. Did you have anything to do with losing them?

Mr. MORETTI. Positively not, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Are there any other questions?

Mr. HALLEY. You say you moved your furniture about 3 months ago?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes.

Mr. HALLEY. I had understood you to say that for about a year you were living at both houses.

Mr. MORETTI. That is right; about a year, I bought the place last year, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Did you buy it furnished?

Mr. MORETTI. There was some furniture there; yes.

Mr. HALLEY. So there was enough there so that you lived in it?

Mr. MORETTI. Oh, yes; definitely.

Mr. HALLEY. During what period did you live in the new house, after you bought it?

Mr. MORETTI. I lived there last summer, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Was it a summer house, primarily?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes.

Mr. HALLEY. It is not a winter home; is that right?

Mr. MORETTI. It is a winter home now, but when I bought it, sir, this was a summer home, and there was furniture there. I lived in there during the summertime.

Mr. HALLEY. You bought it for a summer home?

Mr. MORETTI. That is right.

Mr. HALLEY. When did you decide to shift your permanent residence to your summer home?

Mr. MORETTI. When the family got to like the place, and they said it would be best for us to make that an all-year-around home, which was last year.

Mr. HALLEY. Was that about the same time this committee began to look for you to try to serve a subpoena?

Mr. MORETTI. That was about last year when this all happened.

Mr. HALLEY. Well, you say you moved there in the fall.

Mr. MORETTI. We decided to move in there.

Mr. HALLEY. You say you did not move there until this fall.

Mr. MORETTI. That is right. I said when we decided to move there, to make this our all-year-around home, was last summer after the family enjoyed the place, and we says it was best to make it an all-year-around home, and that was last year.

Mr. HALLEY. And you still moved back to your Hasbrouck Heights house and lived there for a while, is that right, after the summer?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes, a little while.

Mr. HALLEY. Why did you do that?

Mr. MORETTI. Well, to get things straightened out; that is the reason I done that.

Mr. HALLEY. How long did you live in Hasbrouck Heights after the summer?

Mr. MORETTI. After the summer? I don't think I lived there very long, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. And it was during that period also that you lost your books, is that right?

Mr. MORETTI. It was right after that, yes, right after that, sir.



Mr. HALLEY. And of course it was during August that this committee first began investigating gambling in New Jersey, isn't that right?

Mr. MORETTI. I don't know, sir; I can't answer that.

Mr. HALLEY. Were you ever in Duke's Tavern?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes, I have been in Duke's Tavern.

Mr. HALLEY. Where is it?

Mr. MORETTI. It is in Cliffside, N. J.

Mr. HALLEY. A sort of general hang-out for gamblers in New Jersey, is it not?

Mr. MORETTI. I would not say that, sir: it is a restaurant.

Mr. HALLEY. Not generally open to the public though, is it?

Mr. MORETTI. It certainly is so far as I know, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. It is one which was pretty hard to get in unless you were known, isn't that right?

Mr. MORETTI. I wouldn't say that. As I understand, doors are open, and I never had any difficulty getting in and out of the place, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Well, you were known as a gambler in New Jersey, were you not?

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer that question, sir.

Senator TOBEY. Well, gamblers have to eat, do they not?

Mr. SELSER. Is that question seriously asked?

Senator TOBEY. Gamblers have to eat.

Mr. SELSER. Senator, I would not—

Senator TOBEY. That is universal.

Mr. SELSER (continuing). I would not have thought the question was seriously asked.

Senator TOBEY. Well, you can do your own interpreting.

Mr. HALLEY. Did you ever meet Frank Costello at Duke's Tavern?

Mr. MORETTI. I don't believe I have.

Mr. HALLEY. Did you ever meet Joe Adonis there?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes, I believe I have.

Mr. HALLEY. Did you ever meet Longy Zwillman there?

Mr. MORETTI. I don't believe I have, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. You have been there with your brother, of course?

Mr. MORETTI. Not that I know of, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. At Duke's you have never been at Duke's with your brother?

Mr. MORETTI. Not that I know of, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. What do you mean not that you know of? It is either yes or no.

Mr. MORETTI. I say I don't know. You say that he has; I said I don't know.

Mr. HALLEY. I asked you if you had ever been at Duke's restaurant with your brother Willie.

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; I have been there.

Mr. HALLEY. With your brother, Willie?

Mr. MORETTI. Yes; I have been there.

Mr. HALLEY. That is what the question was.

Mr. MORETTI. Pardon?

Mr. HALLEY. That is what the question was.

Mr. MORETTI. I am sorry, I misunderstood you.

Mr. HALLEY. Were you ever at Duke's Tavern with Gerald Catena?

Mr. MORETTI. I don't believe I have ever been there with him.

Mr. HALLEY. Did you ever see him there?

Mr. MORETTI. No; I don't believe I have.

Mr. HALLEY. Did you ever see Zwillman there?

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir; I don't believe I have.

Mr. HALLEY. Did you ever see Costello there?

Mr. MORETTI. No; I don't believe I have.

Mr. HALLEY. Did you ever see Meyer Lansky there?

Mr. MORETTI. No; I don't believe I have either.

Mr. HALLEY. Or Jack Lansky?

Mr. MORETTI. No; I don't believe I have.

Mr. HALLEY. You have never seen any of them there?

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. And you have never eaten there with them?

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Have you ever seen Erickson there?

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir; I don't believe I have.

Mr. HALLEY. Frank Erickson?

Mr. MORETTI. I don't believe I have, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. You do not believe you have.

Do you know the man who owns Duke's Tavern?

- Mr. MORETTI. Pardon?
- Mr. HALLEY. Do you know the owner of Duke's Tavern?
- Mr. MORETTI. Yes; I do.
- Mr. HALLEY. Lanio?
- Mr. MORETTI. I think that is his name; yes.
- Mr. HALLEY. How long have you know him?
- Mr. MORETTI. I have known him some time, sir.
- Mr. HALLEY. Did you ever transact business in Duke's Tavern?
- Mr. MORETTI. No, sir.
- Mr. HALLEY. Did you ever give anybody any money in Duke's Tavern?
- Mr. MORETTI. No; I never have.
- Mr. HALLEY. Except to pay for a dinner?
- Mr. MORETTI. No, sir.
- Mr. HALLEY. Did you ever arrange to lend anybody any money in Duke's Tavern?
- Mr. MORETTI. No, sir; I never have.
- Mr. HALLEY. Are you sure of that?
- Mr. MORETTI. Yes, sir; I am.
- Mr. HALLEY. Did anybody ever approach you in Duke's Tavern to ask you for a loan?
- Mr. MORETTI. No, sir; I don't believe they have.
- Mr. HALLEY. No further questions.
- Senator WILEY. I would like to ask two questions, Mr. Chairman.
- The CHAIRMAN. All right, Senator.
- Senator WILEY. Now, the undisputed testimony seems to be here that you have a very substantial income. You estimate it at \$70,000; I think it is conceded that it was last year \$84,000.
- Did any of that income come from wages?
- Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer that question.
- Senator WILEY. Did any of it come from stocks and bonds?
- Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer that question.
- The CHAIRMAN. Just a minute. I want to direct the witness to answer the two previous questions.
- Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer, on advice of counsel, sir.
- Senator WILEY. Did any of it come from rents from real estate?
- Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer that question.
- The CHAIRMAN. You will be directed to answer.
- Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer on the grounds——
- Senator WILEY. Is there any which comes from dividends?
- Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer questions.
- The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer.
- Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer.
- Senator WILEY. Did any of it come from any legitimate source?
- Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer that question, sir, on advice of counsel.
- The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer.
- Mr. MORETTI. On advice of counsel I refuse to answer, sir.
- Senator WILEY. Have you ever made any political contribution, directly or indirectly, to any political candidate for Federal, State or local office, or any officeholder, Federal, State or local level?
- Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer that on the grounds it may incriminate me, sir.
- The CHAIRMAN. You will be directed to answer, sir.
- Mr. MORETTI. On advice of counsel I refuse to answer.
- Senator WILEY. Now, you spoke about, and the evidence seems to be pretty definite, that from house to house you moved, and so forth. Did you intentionally evade the service of subpoenas for some time?
- Mr. MORETTI. No, sir.
- Senator WILEY. Did you ever make any contribution or gift to any officer in the police department of any city or any sheriff or any other law-enforcement official or district attorney?
- Mr. MORETTI. On advice of counsel I refuse to answer.
- The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer.
- Mr. MORETTI. On advice of counsel I refuse to answer.
- Senator WILEY. Did you understand the question? I had asked you whether or not you had made any payment to any law-enforcement officers, policemen, sheriffs, or the district attorney, and now you say you refuse to answer that on the advice of counsel, is that right?

Mr. MORETTI. Sir, my counsel is here with me, and he is guiding me in these proceedings, and I have to be advised by him how I should answer, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, you are directed to answer that question. It is very important to this inquiry.

Mr. MORETTI. Sir, my counsel advises me not to answer, and I have to abide by his decision not to answer the question.

Senator WILEY. I have no further questions.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Halley?

Mr. HALLEY. Do you know Michael Auriccio?

Mr. MORETTI. No.

Mr. HALLEY. Investigator for the district attorney's office? Do you know the district attorney, Mr. Winne?

Mr. MORETTI. No, sir.

Mr. HALLEY. Have you ever made a political contribution?

Mr. MORETTI. I refuse to answer that on advice of counsel.

The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer the question.

Mr. MORETTI. On advice of counsel I have refused to answer it.

Mr. HALLEY. Did you make any political contributions in the year 1950, this year?

Mr. MORETTI. On advice from counsel I have to refuse to answer the question.

The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer that question.

Mr. MORETTI. On advice of counsel, I have to refuse to answer—I have to refuse to answer, right.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Moretti, the three members of the committee have conferred, and it is our opinion that Mr. Moretti has refused to answer certain very pertinent questions in which he could not possibly have any real justification, so that we feel that we should advise you and your witness that we expect to recommend that he be cited for contempt.

Mr. SELSER. Are we detained, or is he detained?

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Moretti will be detained under subpoena, subject to further call. We can either call you or get in touch with you or with Mr. Moretti when we want you for further questioning—when we want him for further questioning.

Mr. SELSER. We should be very glad to come when the committee calls us.

The CHAIRMAN. That will be all now, Mr. Moretti.

Mr. MORETTI. Thank you.

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